



American Council on Education reviewed by task force

Since 1945, the American Council on Education (ACE) has provided colleges and universities with guidelines on educational accomplishment attained in extrainstitutional settings. More than 2,300 accredited colleges and universities have policies in place that provide for the award of

To maintain the academic soundness of the evaluation of educational experiences in the Armed Forces, ACE is committed to the continual review by third party entities of the processes and practices employed. DANTES shares this commitment and under its direction and guidance,

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academic credit based on recommendations published by ACE in the *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services (ACE Guide)*.

The widespread acceptance of these recommendations is attributed to the academically sound process by which the courses and occupations are reviewed. These processes have been developed and refined by commissions and task forces comprised of representatives from accrediting associations, college and university faculty, and admissions officers and registrars.

ACE established a task force to review the process by which learning outcomes are identified and credit recommendations are determined. Comprised of representatives from regional and national accrediting associations, the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, and the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, the task force was charged with reviewing current processes and making recommendations as appropriate. The final report was approved by the members and delivered to ACE on 25 July 2003.

The task force was unanimous in asserting that continual and regular assessment of ACE's policies and procedures are paramount to maintaining the high standards of evaluating educational attainment, which in

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COL Bob Scott, OUSD, visits DANTES

COL Bob Scott, Deputy Director, Military Personnel, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), visited DANTES on 17 and 18 December. During his visit, he had an opportunity to meet DANTES leaders and learn more about various DANTES programs. COL Scott thanked DANTES for its continuing support to the Reserve components.



COL Bob Scott, Deputy Director, Military Personnel, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs (L) and MAJ Hal Abbenhaus, DANTES Reserve Component Advisor

As briefed to COL Scott, in FY03 Reserve component Service members took more than 11,000 fully-funded tests and more than 3,000 guidance tests. In addition, they enrolled in more than 70,000 courses where DANTES paid tuition assistance on behalf of the Reserve components, and 799 members enrolled in the Troops to Teachers program.

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DANTES Distance Learning news

DANTES External Degree Catalog update

City Colleges of Chicago

City Colleges of Chicago through Harold Washington College announces that Programs for the Military will continue to enroll students who may be stationed anywhere in the world on a U.S. military installation, U.S. Embassy, and U.S. Consulate.

Although City Colleges of Chicago is no longer operating from its offices in Europe, former and new students can contact them via their Web site at <http://www.ccc.edu> (click on The Military Programs) or <http://www.hwashington.ccc.edu> (click on Military Programs).

City Colleges of Chicago offers college credit courses leading to completion of general education requirements for an associate or bachelor's degree. College credit courses are delivered to the student by videocassette, CD-ROM, and e-mail.

City Colleges of Chicago/Harold Washington College is an open-admission institution and conducts open enrollment registrations. All courses are covered under the Military Tuition Assistance Program, Veterans Affairs Education Programs, and Federal Financial Aid Program.

For further information, please contact the main office located at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, at (931) 431-9350/ (270) 798-5628 or DSN 635-5628.

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs Catalog update

The International Import-Export Institute offers **Bachelor of Science in International Trade Management**

This accredited baccalaureate 4-year degree completion program was developed in association with industry and government leaders to provide students with practical industry knowledge, a solid comprehension of the underlying theories of management, and a strong understanding of government regulations affecting international trade.

The central focus of the curriculum is to provide practical "how to" industry knowledge and managerial skills needed by managers as they conduct international business, move goods and services across national boundaries, and manage day-to-day operations. Students may apply previously earned college credits toward this bachelor's degree program.

Through this distance-learning model, courses can be completed at home, at work or anywhere the student has access to the Internet.

CORRECTIONS

On page 2 in the January issue under **DANTES Independent Study Catalog**: the correct listing is University of Missouri-Columbia.

On page 2 under **DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs**: the correct spelling is Australasian College of Health Sciences.

We regret any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

Internet resources on colleges and careers

As you know, the counselor's job is to help military personnel choose appropriate educational experiences useful during Military Service and after separation. An important part of the counseling process is to help the Service member make informed choices. To help counselors stay abreast of information and provide them with tools they can use or pass



on to their clients, DANTES created a Web site called Internet Resources for Colleges and Careers. Its primary purpose is to help counselors perform their job more effectively. An added benefit is that any Service member can access the Web site and glean valuable information as well.

The Web site has easy access; just go to http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/refpubs/inetres.htm. What a wealth of information there is! A counselor can do a college search, access VA and Department of Education Web sites, learn more about distance learning, use the Career Information sites to help in job searches, and view the Foreign Transcript Evaluation Services site.

DANTES strives to help counselors stay current so that the educational needs of clients are being met in the best way possible. Give this Web site a try!

Calendar

February

6	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
7	LSAT

March

6-10	Praxis*
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April

2	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
5-10	GRE Subject*
17-21	Praxis*

June

4	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
12-16	Praxis*
14	LSAT

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/03-04cal.doc

Windows®-Based DATIP available for ordering

The new DANTES Automated Test Inventory Program (DATIP) Version 1.0.2 was developed for Windows® NT 4.0 and Windows® 2000 operating systems. To request DATIP, go to the DANTES Web site at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil> and click on the “Hot News” link or on “Examination Programs” menu item, then select the “Windows®-Based DATIP Version 1.0.2” item from the drop-down menu and complete the form online.

If you are interested in the DATIP software but do not have one of these two operating systems, we encourage you to complete the electronic request form. It will be sent to the DANTES IT Help Desk and will help us identify other operating systems currently in the field. DANTES will try to accommodate your operating system requirements in a future DATIP release.

Using the DATIP Online Request Form Help File, the TCO can fill out the DATIP Request Form Web page. After the TCO completes the computer specifications section and clicks the “Continue” button, the data will be automatically evaluated. If all requirements are satisfied, the completed request form will be automatically sent to exams@voled.doded.mil.

After the DANTES Test Center and TCO Information are verified, the Exam Programs will mail the DATIP Version 1.0.2 CD-ROM to the TCO. The package contains DoD Information Technology security documentation and Version 1.0.2 Technical Notes. The TCO needs to provide these documents to the Information Technology support personnel prior to installation of the software.

For current users of the DOS-based 1998 DATIP, the new release

automatically transfers the database files to the new system. For new users, DATIP provides an efficient method for entering DANTES tests into inventory, for printing an Inventory Listing to conduct daily, weekly or monthly internal inventory reviews, and for automating the Quarterly and DANTES TCO Inventory Report functions.

CLEP recall reminder

The six CLEP tests listed were recalled effective 31 January 2004 and must be mailed back to Chauncey Group International/ETS immediately.

Test Code	Title
05991	Social Sciences and History
81019	Analyzing & Interpreting Literature
11100	College Algebra
71056	Freshman College Composition
70017	Introductory Psychology
74039	Principles of Management

To be eligible to receive the new 14 paper-based versions of the CLEP eCBT tests in April 2004, the TCO must have:

- Returned all the 30 November 2003 and 31 January 2004 recalled CLEP exams, **and**
- Resolved any inventory discrepancies regarding these tests.

DANTES Test Center opens onboard US Coast Guard BARQUE EAGLE (WIX-327)

The EAGLE, a 295 foot long, three-masted sailing Barque, was recently established as a DANTES Test Center. The EAGLE is the only active operational commissioned sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services.

The ship is a training vessel for Coast Guard Academy Cadets, and is the largest Tall Ship flying the Stars and Stripes in U.S. government service. The EAGLE serves as a seagoing classroom for future officers of the U.S. Coast Guard by providing knowledge and seamanship for the training of up to 150 cadets or officer candidates at a time.

To maneuver EAGLE under sail, the crew must handle more than 22,000 square feet of sail and 5 miles of rigging. The experience helps them to develop skills of leadership and teamwork, as well as a healthy respect for the elements that will serve them for a lifetime.



U.S. Coast Guard BARQUE EAGLE (WIX-327)

FAA testing update

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) program initiative (see interview, page 6) with DANTES is moving along. Davis-Monthan AFB and Tinker AFB both received their Early Approval notification from the FAA Airman Division in Oklahoma City in November. This is an exciting time and we hope that the next *DANTES Information Bulletin* can announce that the first, second, and



perhaps third, examinations were administered successfully. The DANTES Certification Program staff are scheduling installations for training to be conducted via the telephone. Training will also take place at DANTES Regional Workshops scheduled in 2004.

If your test center is interested and you have not contacted us, please e-mail certprog@voled.doded.mil.

Go online direct with CPP

Within the Consulting Psychologist Press, Inc. (CPP) contract with DANTES there again is opportunity for an additional 10 education centers to go online direct with CPP and have the MBTI® and SCI® delivered over the Internet.

Please remember, there must be someone at the center who has received MBTI® training before we will supply the materials. Also, if the individual trained leaves, you must have someone else who is trained to continue offering the services. To continue offering the MBTI® without a trained individual puts the center in violation of the contract and responsible for all costs incurred.

Any center interested in signing up can call (850) 435-7896 or DSN 922-1884; fax (850) 452-1588 or DSN 922-1588; or e-mail counseling@voled.doded.mil. This opportunity is first-come, first-serve, so do not wait.

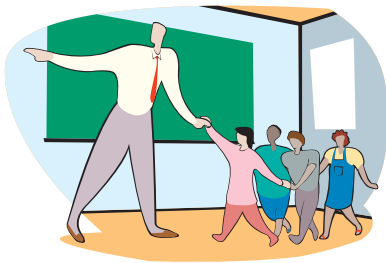
For those new to the Internet offerings we provide to DOD: DANTES has established the following online Internet delivery for:

- National Career Assessments, Inc.: **Kuder® Career Search with Person Match**;
- NCS Pearsons, Inc.: **Campbell™ Interest Skills Survey**; and
- Consulting Psychologists Press, Inc.: **Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI®)** and **Strong Skills Confidence Inventory® (SCI®)**

Troops to Teachers mentor connection: classroom-tested advice

Most of us—military personnel included—want practical, firsthand advice from credible individuals when making important decisions. It follows that a critical life event such as choosing one's second career prompts a myriad of questions.

“What’s it really like in the classroom? How should I handle military experience on my resume? What’s the best technique for surviving as a substitute teacher? How do I introduce myself to the students?



What about lesson planning? Or salary? Or vacation? How tough is the first year? How do other teachers feel about their colleagues who are ex-military?”

Great questions, but who has the answers? For registered participants, Troops to Teachers (TTT) operates a nationwide network of mentors who are ready to assist by answering teaching-related questions. The mentors are participants who have gone through the TTT registration process, likely received the TTT stipend or teaching bonus, completed a certification process, and became classroom teachers. Some may also have moved up into administrative positions.

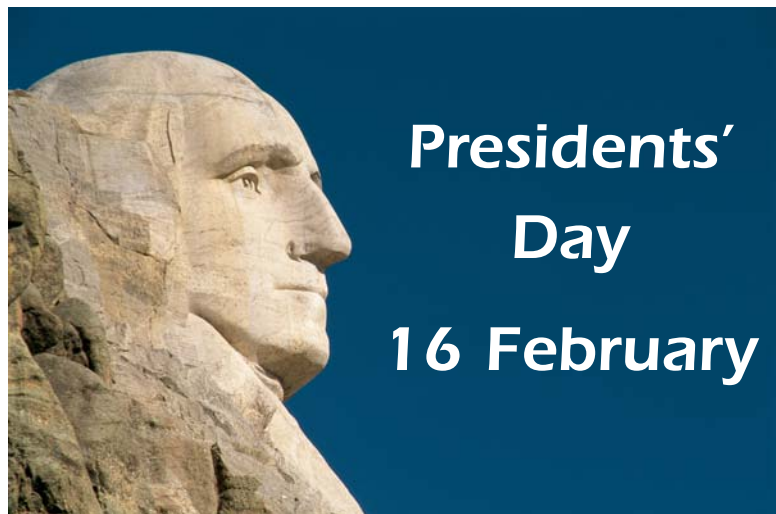
What guidelines apply to participants’ interactions with mentors?

- Participants may contact as many mentors as they wish and in whichever states they wish.
- Messages and questions should be brief and to the point.
- Mentors may not be able to respond immediately. Be considerate and allow time for responses before re-sending questions.
- Mentors are not TTT employees; they are volunteers.
- Mentors do not speak for TTT, the state in which they reside, county, any school district, or any other entity unless they clearly indicate that they are doing so in an official capacity.
- Mentors’ opinions, comments, and suggestions are just that - personal opinions.

Mentors can be extremely helpful to participants. Last fiscal year alone, mentors responded to more than 1,300 inquires about teaching. For some, the role goes beyond answering classroom-related questions. Mentors have also been used as sounding boards in the development of TTT support materials and projects such as TTT’s online, self-determination guide for program eligibility.

Today, the *Mentor Connection* has 110 volunteers, and it is TTT’s objective to maintain at least one mentor in every state. New mentors are always needed, and TTT participants who are teaching are encouraged to volunteer for the job. Mentors receive no pay except the thanks and appreciation from the TTT program and those benefiting from their responses to questions.

TTT participants with e-mail addresses, who are currently working as K-12 public school classroom teachers and would like to be “mentors” are invited to e-mail Troops-to-Teachers at ttt@voled.doded.mil to volunteer.



"In the Spotlight" with the DANTES Certification Program Manager, Ms. Sandra Winborne

by MGySgt James O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

Ms. Sandra Winborne has served as the DANTES Certification Program Manager for the past 10 years. She is the DANTES Certification Program subject matter expert and holds numerous positions of leadership to include Chair, Department of Veterans Affairs Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee (PCLAC) and member of the Professional Certification Advisory Board (PCAB). A nationally recognized professional with over 17 years of experience in the federal government, she manages the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement process with national professional certifying and licensing associations and makes certification and licensure examinations available to Service members worldwide. I recently spoke with Ms. Winborne on the state of certification and licensure today. Here are some excerpts from this interview.

Q: What is happening with the FAA-CBT initiative?

A: "The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) initiative is moving forward. Two DANTES Test Centers (Tinker AFB, OK and Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ) have cleared the initial FAA approval process. Once they

complete the FAA DANTES Administrators Test and remaining FAA administrative requirements, they will be authorized to administer the Aviation Mechanic General (AMG), Aviation Mechanic Airframe (AMA), and Aviation Mechanic Powerplant (AMP) examinations via computer-based testing from their authorized base education center."



Ms. Winborne

Q: What is the cost to Service members for these FAA exams?

A: "These are 'no-cost' exams to eligible Service members. People in the private sector would pay between \$70 and \$150 for this same testing. For more information, see your Test Control Officer (TCO) and visit the DANTES Certification Program Web page at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/certification/FAA.htm."

Q: What should Service members know about Certification?

A: "If they serve in a MOS with a related professional industry requirement (nationally recognized standard), they should explore certification to enhance their future potential."

To learn more about national certification agencies, visit these Web sites:

- DANTES Certification: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/certification/index.htm
- National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA): <http://www.noca.org>
- Coalition for Professional Certification: <http://www.cpc-online.net>
- Army's COOL: <http://www.cool.army.mil>

For the full interview, visit http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/advisors/sea/index.htm.

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turn enhances the integrity and credibility of the core of the Military Evaluation Program—academic credit recommendations. The task force and ACE agree that the process will be further strengthened through tight control of faculty selection and training, assurance that assessment mechanisms provide valid and reliable measurements of learning outcomes, and documentation and communication of changes in policies and procedures. Especially important is the promotion of ACE's significant efforts to streamline the process,

exemplified by the online version of the *ACE Guide* at <http://www.militaryguides.acenet.edu>. Renewed outreach and communication will prompt the continued empowerment of Service members who strive to achieve academic success.

The full report is available for review at <http://www.acenet.edu/calec/military>. For further information, contact the ACE Military Programs office at (202) 939-9470 or mileval@ace.nche.edu.

COL SCOTT FROM 1

DANTES anticipates this support to increase during FY04.

As Deputy Director of Military Personnel, COL Scott will focus on Reserve Component Voluntary Education Program policies and initiatives, including Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve issues.

DANTES welcomes COL Scott, and we look forward to working with him in support of Reserve component Service members!

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The screenshot shows the DANTES website with the following content:

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- Upcoming Events:** 2004 TCO, Regional, and Services Workshops Schedule; DoD Worldwide Education Symposium, July 17-21, 2006 Orlando, FL.
- Hot News!:** 12/29/03 -DANTES Funds the PRAXIS II PLT effective 1 January 2004; 12/29/03 -e-CBT Paper-Based CLEP Tests....When?; 12/10/03 -Information on the DANTES Regional Workshop in Hawaii on 25 & 26 February; 12/03 -WW03 Senior Enlisted Panel Transcripts and More.
- In The Spotlight:** DoD Worldwide Education Symposium July 7-11 2003. Includes links for Pictures, Presentations, Discussion Groups, and Workshops.
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